CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-1777
Edward N. Sweeney Estate
7205 Bellona Avenue
Baltimore, Baltimore County
Ca. 1850
Private

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Set on a random rubble stone foundation, the vernacular wood frame dwelling rises two stories in height. The façade or south elevation presents four bays and is clad in square-butt wood shingles.

Dominating the façade is a one-story, five-bay wide porch with a half-hipped roof, chamfered wood posts, and round-arched openings. The offset entry features a paneled single-leaf door with diamond-paned sidelights. Seven 6/6 windows with square-edged wood surrounds and sills pierce the façade. A central interior brick chimney with chimney pots rises above the side gable, asphalt shingle roof. The front gable was removed from the southern roof slope. On the east elevation, there is a one-story wing with six one-light vinyl casement windows. A circa 1990 sunroom and porch were constructed on the rear of the dwelling. A circa 1985 garage is located at the rear of the dwelling.

Inventory No. BA-1777

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

1. Name of F	Property	(indicate preferred na	me)		
historic	Edward N. Sv	veeney Estate			
other					
2. Location					
street and number	7205 Bellona	Avenue		3	not for publication
city, town	Baltimore				vicinity
county	Baltimore Co	unty			
3. Owner of	Property	(give names and mailing a	addresses of all owners	s)	
name	Stewart M. an	d Suzanne G. Wolff			
street and number	7205 Bellona	Avenue		telephone	Not Available
city, town	Baltimore		state MD	zip code	21212-1006
city, town	Towson	Baltimore County Courthouse tax map 69	tax parcel 799	6363 folio 7	D number 0901950000
5 Primary I	ocation o	of Additional Data		-	
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6. Classifica	tion				
Category —districtX_building(s) —structure —siteobject	Ownership publicX_privateboth	government _ health care _	landscaperecreation/culture _religion _socialtransportationwork in progressunknown _ vacant/not in useother:	— <u>l</u>	

7. Description	Inventory No. BA-1777
Condition	
excellent deteriorated	

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

X good

fair

ruins

altered

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A circa 1985 garage is located at the rear of the dwelling. Set on a concrete block foundation, the one-bay wide garage is clad in wood shingles. A roll-up metal-paneled door and a six-light casement window pierce the façade. The front gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles and there is a one-story, shed roof addition on the side. An in-ground swimming pool is also located on the property. Rectangular in shape, the pool has a concrete deck and is surrounded by a split-rail wood fence.

¹ According to the owner, the house was moved to this location along Bellona Avenue in the 19th century. The owner believes that the dwelling was originally located in a field to the north of its current location.

8. Signific	ance			Inventory No. BA-1777
Period	Areas of Significance	Check and j	ustify below	
1600-1699 1700-1799 X 1800-1899 X 1900-1999 2000-	agriculture archeology X architecture art commerce communications community planning conservation	 economics education engineering entertainment/ recreation ethnic heritage exploration/ settlement 	health/medicine industry invention landscape archite law literature maritime history military	performing arts philosophy politics/government ecture religion science social history transportation other:
Specific dates	1850 ca.		Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction da	ites 1850 ca., 1990 ca.			
Evaluation for:	National Register	N	Maryland Register	Xnot evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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² Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel, A History of Baltimore County, (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979), p. 297.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	1.04 Acre	_	
Acreage of historical setting	Unknown	====; ================================	
Quadrangle name	Cockeysville	Quadrangle scale:	1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Edward N. Sweeney Estate is located at 7205 Bellona Avenue in the Ninth District of Baltimore County. It has been associated with Tax Map 69, Parcel 799 since its construction circa 1850.

11. Form Prepared by

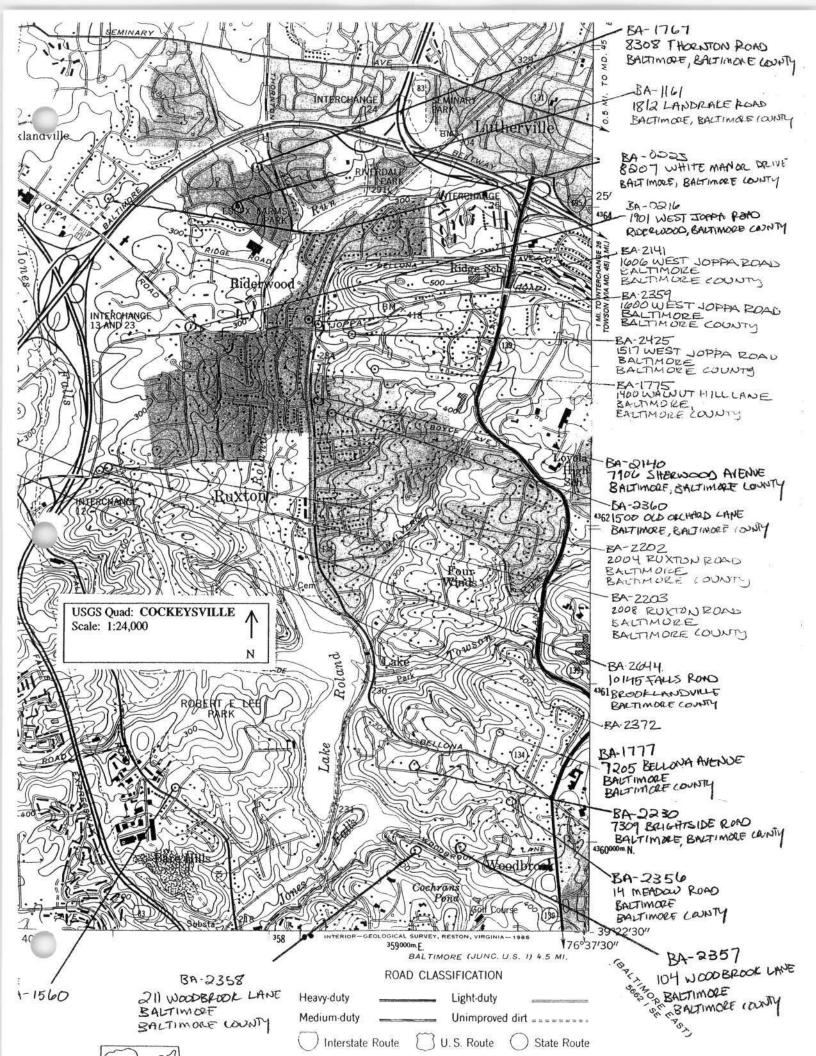
name/title	A. McDonald, R. Weidlich and A. Didden, Architectural Historians			
organization	EHT Traceries, Incorporated	date	May 26, 2001	
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199	
city or town	Washington	state	DC	

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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	PROPERTY	_NO	_ interact	
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NAME John		NO	Telephone #:	
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CONDITION

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__RUINS

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CHECK ONE AORIGINAL SITE

DATE May . 1979 MOVED

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Standing high on a hill overlooking a small valley is this frame structure which was probably once a part of the Edward N. Sweeney estate. The two story main block is five bays wide, two bays deep and has a two story shed roof addition. The exterior walls are covered with wood shingles. are topped by a gable end roof and rest on a high stone foundation. The fenestration is regular with 6/6 sash windows.

The main facade faces South towards Bellona Avenue. The first level is covered by a full porch, the roof of which has a tongue-and-groove ceiling and is supported by chamfered columns and pilasters. The entrance located in the second bay from the West projects forward. Although the fenestration is even, the second bay from the East on both levels is blind.

The gabled east and west ends repeat the fenestration of the south facade.

It is the north facade which faces the valley. The main block is covered by the two story addition which projects one bay to the north, is two bays wide and is topped with a shed roof. A gabled two story addition on the west end projects North one bay beyond the east end addition. Both additions are covered with wood shingles.

The basement has coursed fieldstone walls which have been whitewashed. The basement is full only under the east end and is divided into two rooms. There is a crawl space under the west end. Seen here are machine sawn joists, standard size flooring and a stone chimney base 2 by 3 feet.

The original floor plan of the main block was that of a central hall with side parlors. A staircase is located along the hall's west wall and a non-functional flue chimney is on the east wall. There is one chimney and fireplace on the west wall of the west parlor only. The second floor repeats the plan of the first, however, the ceilings here are higher than that of the first floor.

The west gable end of theattic is finished with vertical planks ie. board and batten. There are no studs and there is evidence that collars have been removed below the present collars. Vertically machine sawn principal rafters are lap joined to the ridge and fixed with cut nails. The east end, however, has mitered rafters which are thinner than the west.

Outbuildings:

A shed roof stone spring house located Northwest of the house is no longer on the same parcel of land but was at one time. The nearly square structure measures 12 feet 3 inches on the east wall and 12 feet on the south and is composed of flat coursed stones. The southeast corner is

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AF	REAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CH	HECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW	
_PREHISTORIC	_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION
_1400-1499	_ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	_LAW	SCIENCE
1500-1599	_AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
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_1700-1799	_ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER
<u>≭</u> .1800-1899	COMMERCE	_EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	_TRANSPORTATION
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		INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Fourth quarter 19th century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore County Land Records Baltimore County Will Records

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA	
ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY	
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION	
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See Attachment	
LIST ALL STATES AND COUNT	IES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES
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 $6\frac{1}{2}$ feet high while the southwest corner is only 2 feet high. A "T" shaped well surrounds the south wall. That portion closest to the building measures 4 feet along the south wall and is 4 feet 4 inches wide. The outer portion is 3 feet long and 3 feet 8 inches wide. There is an opening on this south wall $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide and 2 feet high. The east wall has an opening 3 feet 4 inches by 3 feet 8 inches, and the north side is windowless. None of these openings constitute a door.

The interior walls have been whitewashed, have a depth of 5 feet below the ground level, and have a ledge along this level. Also seen were 4 by 4 inch joists and hewn lintels.

Another outbuilding, a somewhat modern structure, is the stone storage cellar very close to the northernmost side of the house. This structure is partially covered by a mound of dirt which hides it from view from the house. The exposed north side reveals a cylindrical structure of rough coursed stone, and a centrally located doorway. The interior walls are concrete block and have several large shelves. A vent in the ceiling penetrates almost 2 feet of dirt.

CHAIN OF TITLE FOR # 7205 BELLONA AVENUE Parcel 799, Map 69

LIBER	FOLIO	DATE	GRANTOR	GRAN TEE
1579	530	August 8, 1947	Edward K. Dunn & wife	John W. Avirett & wife
	Corp. Land R	to Edward K. Dunn by ecords 913/238 at a	distance 82.1 feet southwesterntaining 1.04 acres.	nd recorded in
913	238	October 3, 1933	Royal Realty Corporation	Edward K. Dunn
	Contai	ning 6.485 acres		
Being	part of	the following two d	leeds:	
918	18	August 7, 1933	Howard C. Wilcox, Trustee	Royal Realty Corp.
912	199	June 15, 1933	Howard C. Wilcox, Asignee	Royal Realty Corp.
544	207	August 11, 1921	Alfred C. Thompson & wife parts of #3 and #4 in a plat	Jacob F. Murbach & wife
	a deed	dated September 15,	1900 and recorded in Land Reck to Alfred C. Thompson	
468	79	August 14, 1916	Hazeltone H. Houck & wife	Alfred C. Thompson
282	133	December 24, 1904	Susan F. Houck	Haxeltone H. Houck
172	237	December 8, 1888	W. Sweeney et al, Exec.	Susan F. Houck
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	at the Northe	end of the division ast 845' to center o	Bellona Avenue formerly the line of Franklin F. Pope and of a road, Southeast 594' to t	Edward N. Sweeney he northwest cor-

ner of lot #2 laid out on a plat (was filed with will) Southwest 760', to center of Bellona Avenue, Northwest 269', Northwest 228' containing

10.1 acres.

T	347	90	November 16, 1844	Arthur Pue, Jr.	Edward N. Sweeney
	ALSO:		49		
	7	76	January 14, 1854	Franklin F. Pope	Edward N. Sweeney
		Part of	Samuel's Hope, 2 ac	res, 1 rood, 10 perches	
	4	490	March 31, 1853	Samuel Pickering, Jr.	Franklin F. Pope
		7 Acres			
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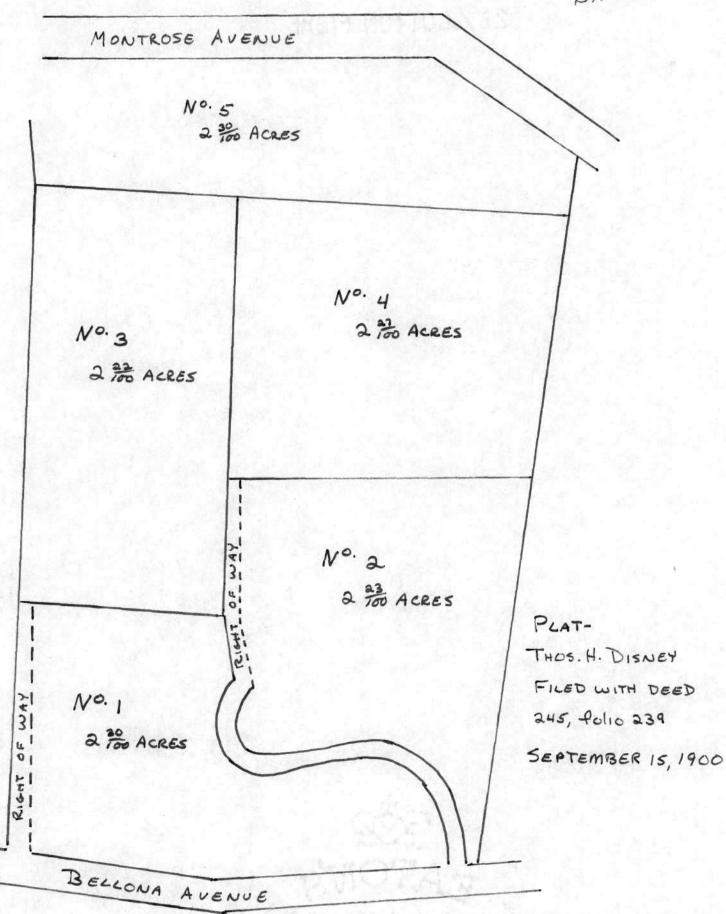
LAST WILL & TESTAMENT EDWARD N. SWEENEY

Edward N. Sweeney Last Will & Testament Will Book 7, folio 419 September 1, 1885

"I do...direct my Executors...to sell all my property to wit: the farm in Baltimore County whereon I now reside part of which I purchased from Arthur Pue Junior Executor of the last will and testament of Edward Buchanan and George W. Dobbin Trustee by deed dated the 16th day of November 1844 Liber TK 347 folio 90+ and the other part from Franklin F. Pope and wife by deed dated the 14th day of January 1854 Liber HWF 7 folio 176..."

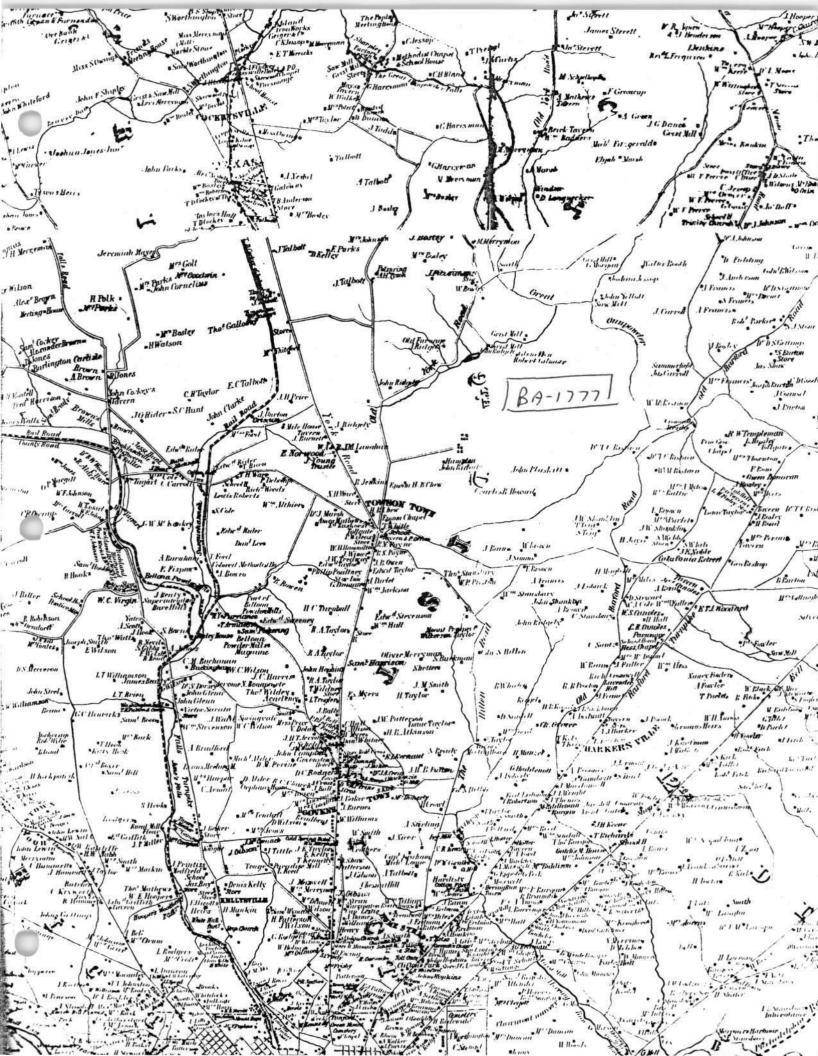
Codicil, May 5, 1882 - The grandson Augustus "...has been occupying my farm and proposes to continue thereon... and...he has already made some...repairs and improvements..."

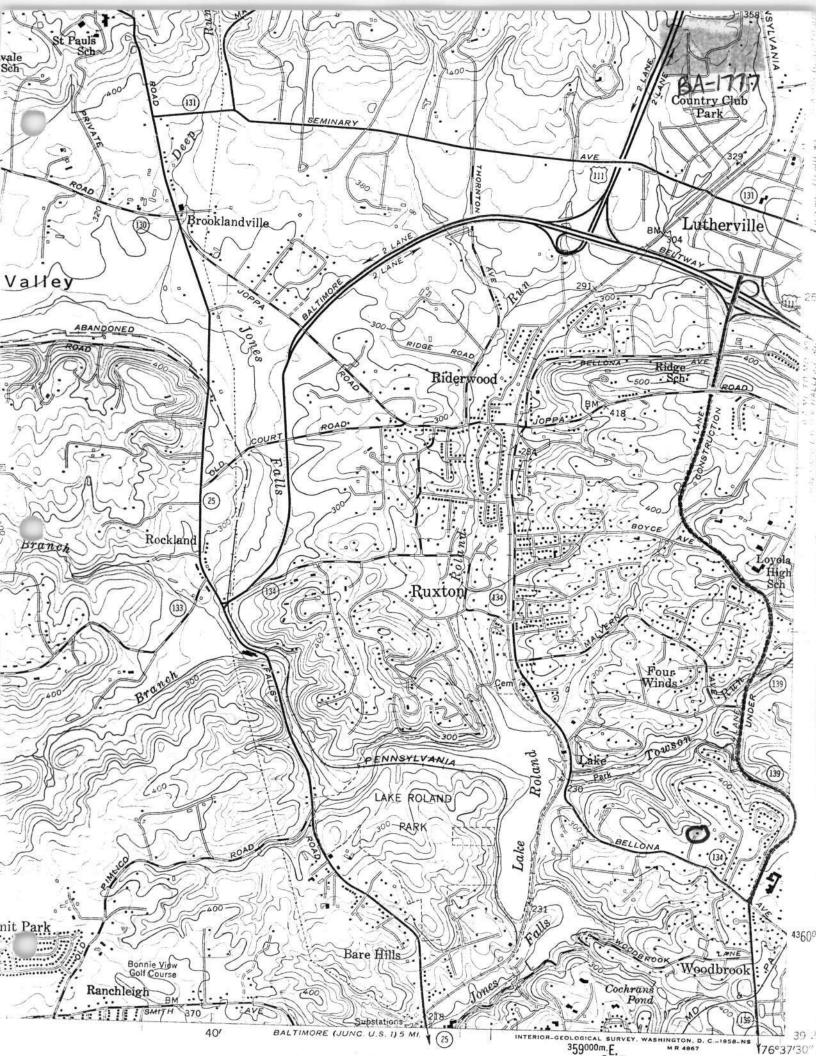
Executors of WILL - Augustus W. Sweeney: son
Edward D. Sweeney: grandson
Augustus W. Sweeney, Jr.: grandson



Scale- 80 feet per inch









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EDWARD N. SWEENEY PROP. S. FACADE

J. CORCORAN



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EDWARD N. SWEENEY PROPERTY N.E. CORNER

J. CORCORAN 7/29



STONE STORAGE CELLAR-EDWARD N. SWEENEY PROP. N.

J. CORCORAN